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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: E. Alzheimer et al.

Attorney Docket No. NILE117421

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Title: TOTAL CHLORINE FREE BLEACHING OF ARUNDO DONAX PULP

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

August 25, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Final Office Action, dated February 25, 2004, set to expire on May 25, 2004, be extended by three months, to expire on August 25, 2004, to extend the pendency of this application to at least the filing date of the continuation application filed concurrently herewith (our Docket No. NILE123498).

Enclosed is our Check No. 157641 in the amount of \$475.00 (three months)

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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